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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Akiyoshi CHOSOKABE

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INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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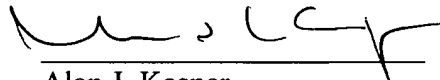
(whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith the English language Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication 2001-084391. Applicant also submits that JP 2001-325605 cited in the Communication is listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 9, 2004.

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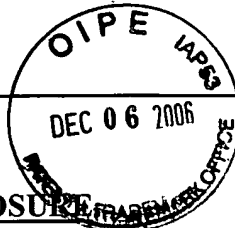
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		US 6,043,821	A	03-28-2000	Sprague et al.
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		JP	2001-084391	A	03-30-2001	Namco Ltd.	Abstract

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